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In re application of)
JAMES G. ARCHULETA, JR. ET AL.) Group Art Unit 3120
Subsoiling Excavator Bucket) Examiner C. Novosad
Serial No. 10/781,487)
Filed February 18, 2004)

The Honorable
The Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Pursuant to the requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single invention in the further prosecution of the above-identified application as set forth in the written action dated July 9, 2004, Applicants make the following election.

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Restriction of invention has been made between:

I. Claims 1-8, drawn to an earth working bucket, classified in Class 037, subclass 403. **It is believed that the Examiner intended to include Claim 9 within this group, and it will be assumed for purposes of the Restriction Requirement that all of Claims 1-9 are included within Group I.**

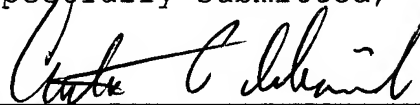
II. Claims 10-13, drawn to a method for conducting dissimilar soil management activities including excavating and subsoiling, classified in Class 037, subclass 195.

III. Claim 14 and 15, drawn to a method for preparing an area having soil compaction for reforestation in a single pass over said area with an implement, classified in class 037, subclass 200.

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Applicants hereby provisionally elect without traverse the invention of Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to an earth working bucket.

Respectfully submitted,



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